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SUBJECT: US-USSR HEALTH AGREEMENT: US HEALTH EXCHANGES THOMAS
HUTTON

PASS OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, HEW

1. DR. THOMAS HUTTON, WHO ARRIVED IN MOSCOW APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS AGO TO SPEND NINE MONTHS AT THE BURDENKO INSTITUTE OF NEUROGLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY, IS LIVING IN A SINGLE ROOM IN A MOSCOW HOTEL WITH HIS WIFE AND EIGHTEEN-MONTH-OLD SON. THERE ARE NO COOKING FACILITIES IN THE ROOM AND THE HUTTONS ARE PAYING FIVE RUBLES PER DAY OUT OF POCKET FOR THE USE OF AN EXTRA BED.

2. DR. HUTTON HAS SOUGHT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN TRYING TO OBTAIN MORE ADEQUATE QUARTERS, BUT KISILEV HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM TO DATE.

3. EMBASSY CONSIDERS HUTTON'S PRESENT QQUARTERS TO BE TOTALLY INADEQUATE IN VIEW OF THE BETTER ACCOMMODATIONS AFFORDED TO SOVIET EXCHANGEES UNDER THE HEALTH AGREEMENT. WE WISH, THEREFORE TO SUGGEST THAT HEW BRING THE HUTTONS' SITUATION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO WORK OUT A SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT, BOTH FOR THE HUTTONS AND FOR FUTURE US EXCHANGEES WITH DEPENDENTS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.
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